

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 4, 2017 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 472  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HR 1, 12/28/2016

**HEARING ON HR 1****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:09 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HR 1, House rules resolution.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:37 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:09:10 Chair Essman  
00:09:16 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:09:48 Chair Essman  
00:10:38 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:11:27 Chair Essman  
00:12:15 Rep. Woods  
00:12:39 Chair Essman  
00:13:42 Rep. Woods  
00:14:11 Chair Essman  
00:15:07 Rep. Woods  
00:15:26 Chair Essman  
00:15:40 Vice Chair Wagoner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:53 Chair Essman  
  
00:16:17 Vice Chair Wagoner  
00:17:02 Chair Essman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 1**

00:17:18 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HR 1 DO PASS.**

00:17:30 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(ruh03a01)

**Discussion:**

00:18:04 Mr. Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:18:29 Chair Essman  
00:18:51 Rep. Eck

00:19:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:19:35 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(ruh03a02)

**Discussion:**

00:20:13 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:20:24 Rep. Hertz  
00:20:43 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:21:40 Rep. Hertz  
00:21:51 Rep. McConnell  
00:22:11 Rep. Hertz  
00:22:20 Rep. McConnell  
00:22:29 Rep. Hertz

00:22:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Cook, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting no.

00:24:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Cook, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye.

**EXHIBIT(ruh03a03)**

00:28:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Woods moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye.

**EXHIBIT(ruh03a04)**

00:32:38 **Motion:** Rep. Woods moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT(ruh03a05)****Discussion:**

00:33:58 Vice Chair Wagoner  
00:35:10 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:35:32 Rep. Woods  
00:36:31 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:38:03 Rep. Woods  
00:38:10 Rep. Eck  
00:39:55 Rep. Kelker  
00:41:49 Chair Essman  
00:44:42 Rep. Mandeville  
00:45:32 Rep. Eck  
00:46:50 Rep. McConnell  
00:48:18 Vice Chair Wagoner

00:49:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye.

00:50:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Eck moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Cook voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(ruh03a06\)](#)

00:53:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Eck moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye.

[EXHIBIT\(ruh03a07\)](#)

00:57:21 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(ruh03a08\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:58:05 Chair Essman  
00:58:09 Rep. Bennett  
00:58:20 Chair Essman  
00:58:31 Rep. Bennett  
00:58:45 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:59:21 Chair Essman  
00:59:32 Rep. McConnell  
00:59:41 Chair Essman

01:00:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bennett objected the order of the Chair. Objection failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye.

01:01:44 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:01:56 Vice Chair Dudik  
01:02:30 Rep. Bennett  
01:03:30 Rep. Woods  
01:03:56 Chair Essman  
01:04:00 Rep. Tschida  
01:04:10 Chair Essman

01:05:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:07:00

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ruh03aad.pdf](#))